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Prescribed Fire on the Monticello Ranger District

San Juan County, Utah ... Current and forecasted fire weather conditions have allowed local managers to implement fuels reduction plans on the Monticello Ranger District. There are two target areas for treatment. One unit is for the Deadgoose Prescribed Fire approximately two miles southwest of Mormon Pasture and the second unit is on the south end of Milk Ranch Point. Implementation of these burns may occur over the next several weeks as conditions allow. Signs will be posted when activity occurs to improve safe conditions along roads. Personnel will be in monitoring fire activity and will strive to minimize impacts to forest visitors.

The actions will reduce fuel loadings to minimize risk during wildfires. Introducing fire back into the ecosystem creates mosaic vegetative patterns that enhance plant and wildlife diversity such as: germination of seeds, reduction of dead and diseased trees, increase of grass and forbs, and improving general forest health.

Continue to report new wildfires to the Moab Interagency Fire Center at (435) 259-1850. For additional Utah wildfire information go to www.utahfireinfo.gov.

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